



TUBERS OF THE PURPLE CEYLON YAM. (*Dioscorea alata* L., S. P. I. No. 54900.)

The Purple Ceylon yam, as shown by these characteristic tubers, is usually somewhat spherical, never elongated. The flesh is deep purple and retains the color when cooked, which makes a dish of this yam exceedingly attractive; the quality is excellent. The tubers shown are much reduced in size. This variety has become such a favorite for table use in Porto Rico that the increase in production has been hindered by the lack of sufficient propagating material. (Photographed by E. L. Crandall, Washington, D. C., March 20, 1922: P27534FS.)